

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

INDIANAPOLIS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 21, 1976

FROM: Bruce Palin *BP*

TO: File

SUBJECT: Gary Land Development

On October 5, 1976, I inspected Gary Land Development Landfill. I noted aluminum dust piled up in a separate area with steam coming off of it. When I quizzed Mr. Hagen, the operator, as to where it came from and if he had an approval letter for it, he said it came from U.S. Reduction and that he did not have an approval letter. He stated that no one had questioned him on it before, so he assumed it was all right to take. I also noted an oily substance puddled in the middle of the garbage area. When I asked what it was and why it wasn't in a separate area, Mr. Hagen told me it was oil from catch basins that were cleaned by General Drainage and that staff members had instructed him to mix it with general refuse. When I checked with the staff, I found that no approval letter was ever requested for this material either.

I showed Mr. Hagen the results of the water sampling I had done on his site on August 26, 1976. I pointed out that the results from the outfall into the Grand Calumet River indicated the site was polluting the river. He attempted to show some surprise at these findings. I told him that since the site was loading the river with pollutants that the Water Pollution Control people would be getting in contact with him.

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